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The Honorable Christopher Smith Member of Congress, 4th District 2373 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Route 35 Bridge over the North Branch of Wreck Pond

Dear Congressman Smith:

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is pleased to support the request for the inclusion of the Route 35 Bridge over the North Branch of Wreck Pond project for consideration for a federal appropriation. A federal appropriation will permit the advancement of this project through the various phases of the project delivery process. This project is crucial to the regional transportation network and supports New Jersey's long standing commitment of building a safer transportation network, strengthening our multi-modal transportation system, reducing carbon emissions and improving the state of good repair of New Jersey's transportation infrastructure.

The NJDOT is confident that this project can be added to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in a reasonable timeframe; provided that a federal appropriation is secured that would fully fund the project or other local funding is available to provide the requirement for 20% matching funds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti

Commissioner